



# BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Date of Incident: July 27, 2016

Time of Incident: 4:47 PM

Incident Case #: 16-30760

## Summary

At 4:47 PM Bristol Police Dispatch was alerted of a bank robbery at the TD Bank located at 414 Broad St. Bristol. Bank Officials reported that a vehicle pulled up to the drive up teller window and the operator of the vehicle was holding a gun to the passenger in the vehicle. The operator of the vehicle, Robert Duperry (52) told the bank teller that if she did not give him money he would shoot his female hostage (a 65 year old Bristol resident). Duperry was given an undisclosed amount of money and fled.

The vehicle description and license plate were broadcast to all officers. Officers on patrol spotted the vehicle a short distance from the bank. The operator failed to stop for the officers and engaged them in pursuit. Multiple times during the pursuit a gun was displayed out the driver's window. At one point in the pursuit, Duperry, slowed down and ordered his hostage out of the vehicle. After the hostage got out of the vehicle, Duperry, fled again at a high rate of speed. The pursuit ended in Wolcott when Duperry exited the vehicle and fled on foot in to a wooded area. With the assistance of Wolcott Police Officers, Duperry was located in the woods a short time later. He was taken in to custody without incident.

The female hostage later told police that she had been abducted by Duperry from Barnes Chapel on Pound St Bristol, where she works in the office. At gun point Duperry took the victims cell phone and car keys before blind folding her and tying her hands. He then forced her into her vehicle and left Pound St. She stated that they drove around for some time. She could not see where they went. Duperry told her several times that he had bombs with him. She also heard him make several phone calls, in which he threatened to blow up buildings. It was later learned that the Hartford Police Department had received several bomb threat calls from the victim's cell phone.

The Hartford Bomb Squad responded to Bristol to process the vehicle and Duperry's property. No bombs or bomb materials were located.

The victim sustained minor injuries, bumps and bruises, but declined medical treatment.

Robert Duperry was charged with (2) counts of Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> degree, (2) counts of Larceny 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, Kidnapping 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Reckless Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, Assault of victim over 60, Criminal Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon, Carrying a Pistol Without a Permit, Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Threatening 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Engaging an Officer in Pursuit, and Reckless Driving. He was processed and held for court on a \$750,000.00 bond.

These charges do not include the Bomb Threats called in to Hartford Police Department. That investigation is ongoing.

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